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SUBJECT: DJIBOUTI: WALK IN 06/09/2004

1. (SBU) On 06/09/2004 at about 0930 hours an individual walked into the American Embassy in Djibouti requesting to speak with an American official. After careful screening, RSO and Embassy Force Protection Officer (FPO) conducted a preliminary interview with the individual. The individual stated that his name is Ali Shire Adan Abdulle; D/POB - 03/03/1954, Mogadishu, Somalia and provided an identification card to corroborate his information. Abdulle claimed that he came to the Embassy on behalf of a friend that wished to sell the U.S. government radioactive material. RSO and FPO convinced Abdulle to contact his friend so that he could come to the Embassy and discuss his situation in person. His friend agreed and arrived at the Embassy approximately 20 minutes later.

2. (SBU) RSO and FPO interviewed Mr. Mahdi Ubaidi Muhsen; DPOB - 06/09/1957, Ethiopia. Muhsen did not have any form of identification. Muhsen claims that he is in possession of a container full of plutonium and that he wishes to sell it to the U.S. government. When questioned as to how he obtained this product, Muhsen stated that he is part of a group of Ethiopians that acquired the container in late 2001, but could not provide more detail. Muhsen also stated that he had a brief-case full of vials that contained a substance that he referred to as Red Mercury. He further states that he had tried to notify someone at the American Embassy in Sanaa, but that his story was not believed by the person he spoke to. Muhsen could not remember any details of his conversation.

3. (SBU) RSO recognized the details of a scam that had been attempted on a number of U.S. Embassies in the region including Djibouti and U.S. Military personnel at Camp Lemonier several times before. Subjects were confronted and advised that there attempts to extort money from the U.S. Government was a serious matter and RSO would report them to the authorities. RSO strongly encouraged Subjects to cease and desist their attempts to sell their products. In addition, RSO informed Subjects that he would be advising the Host Nation Police Forces and other Diplomatic Missions of their activities. Furthermore, RSO informed them that if it is discovered that they are attempting to pull another scam they could be subject arrest.

4. (SBU) RSO has photos of both individuals and can E-MAIL them. The following information was obtained during the interview:

Mahdi Ubaidi Muhsen
Cell - 253-83-42-82
Hm - 00 967-511-231
Wk - 00 967-380-673

Ali Shire Adan Abdulle
Cell - 253-83-25-92

5. (U) RSOs and J2 personnel, please inform RSO Djibouti if these individuals appear in your areas. POC is RSO Marc Ramos at 253-35-39-95 ext. 2307.
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